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Letter from Russel Bigelow to James B. Finley

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Beloved Brother we have been severely
directed to you, thinking it probable that they had
reference to the Missions I took the liberty to
open them you will find them enclosed
this Our school is growing we have 31 young
dott scholars, Mr Owens is now at work we
shall have a very comfortable school house
I had no offer for any of the cattle until last
week a man came and offered to buy the
calves and would have taken the young cattle
at a very reduced price, and I could have sold
the young cattle to day at a reduced price and I suppose
the Oxen at 2 thirds their value - I have concluded to
get the English Oxen, Buck & Silvers Tiger and the
three year old Steer and drive them to Detroit -
I know that it will take a great deal of grain
but I think it will be the best on the whole
I do not think that it will be best to sell the
young cattle we cannot get much more for
them than their hides are worth - I do not
know how we will manage for fodder but
I think we will get through some how
I am decidedly of the opinion that we have too
much Oxen I believe it would be better for the
mission to keep only two yoke of Oxen and one
span of horses than to keep as many as we now
have at any rate three yoke is the greatest plenty
the Oxen will not be needed for beef next June
we shall have a plenty of Old Corn, we have
killed the Old Cow and have Brandy on the way
Our religious prospects are only tolerable, I do not
appear to be in my place long for me - Yours
R. M. Nelson